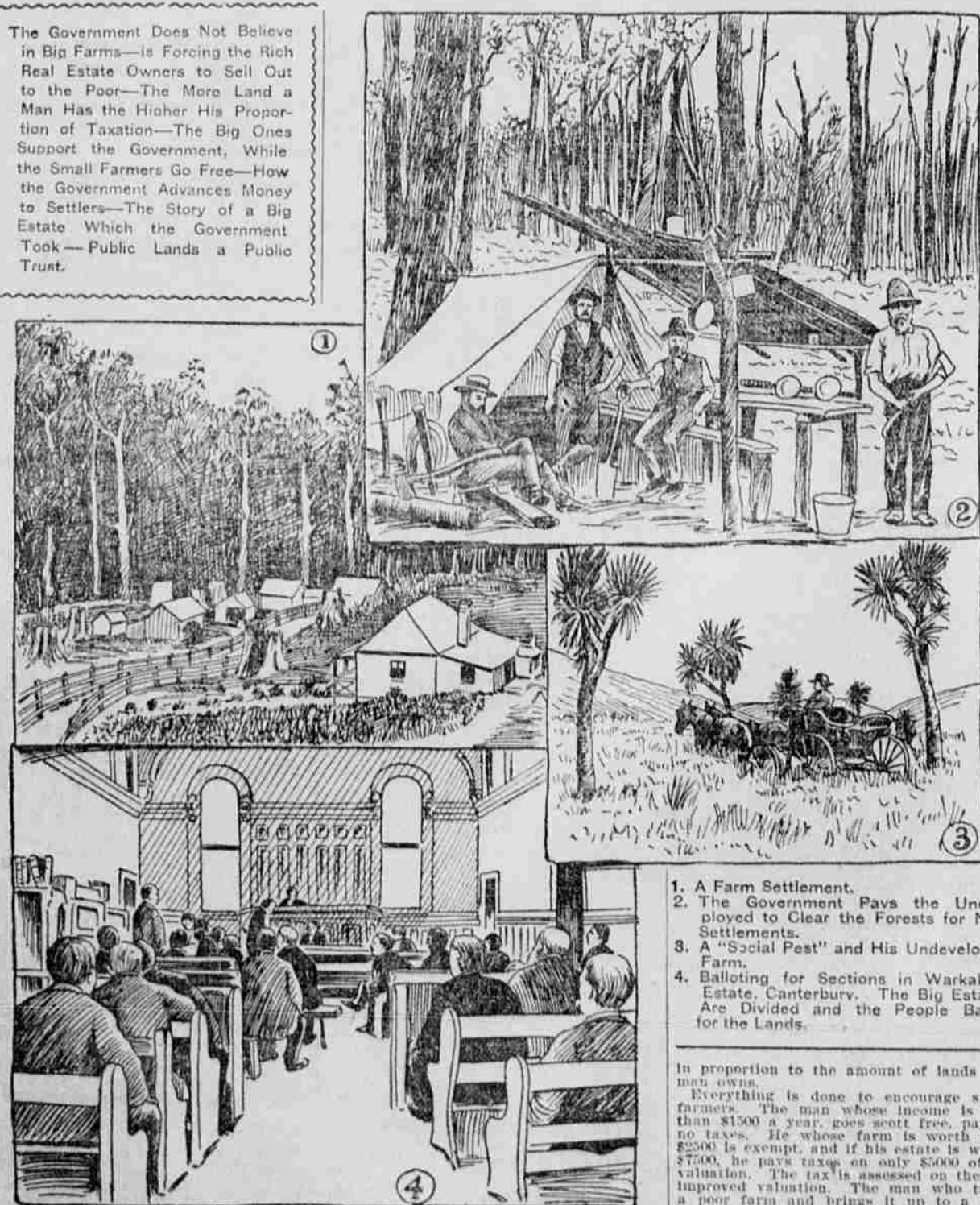


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The Government Does Not Believe in Big Farms—Is Forcing the Rich Real Estate Owners to Sell Out to the Poor—The More Land a Man Has the Higher His Proportion of Taxation—The Big Ones Support the Government, While the Small Farmers Go Free—How the Government Advances Money to Settlers—The Story of a Big Estate Which the Government Took—Public Lands a Public Trust.



1. A Farm Settlement.
2. The Government Pays the Unemployed to Clear the Forests for New Settlements.
3. A "Social Pest" and His Undeveloped Farm.
4. Balloting for Sections in Warkakahi Estate, Canterbury. The Big Estates Are Divided and the People Ballot for the Lands.

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Wellington, New Zealand.—These ques-
tions are addressed to the land nabobs of
the United States, to corporations and
individuals who own their thousands of
acres, who control vast tracts of pasture
or who manage the bonanza farms of the
great Northwest:

How would you like to have your lands
at the mercy of the government, to be
compelled to pay 20 per cent above
the valuation you enter them for in order
to pay such taxes upon them that you
will have to cultivate every part of them
to make them a paying investment?

How would you like to have your taxes
increased to the extent of 20 per cent
on your property, so that they will be propor-
tionately double or triple those of the small
landholder, and that you will have to pay
the state in which the lands are situated
that you will have to pay 20 per cent
more than the rest of the people who live on
small lands?

What is the way they are doing things in
New Zealand.

How would you like to have questions for the small
property holders, for farmers who own
lands worth less than \$7500—
to be compelled to pay no taxes
whatever upon one-third of your property,
or if the property is valued at less than
\$2500, to pay no taxes at all?

How would you like to have all your im-
provements deducted from the assessed val-
uation and the tax merely laid on the land
as it is?

How would you like to pay only on that
part of the land which you really own,
and not on the land which you have
from the tax valuation—to pay, in fact, no

tax upon anything outside the unimproved land. They have paid for and you know, and this in case the said income annually amounts to more than \$1500?—

That is the way they do things in New Zealand.

Here are some questions for those who have no land at all.

How do they like to see the big estates of this country taken possession of by the government and redistributed in small sections, and at once on long time at 5 per cent interest?

How would you like to have advances made in building your house, and fencing your land and the terms of payment made so easy that you could either have the money in 10 years or have it on this low interest for 99 years, the rent not being raised, no matter how much improvement is made in the land in the way of cultivation, fertilizing, or buildings?

That is the way New Zealanders are doing some things in New Zealand.

Social Waste.

The above are among the curious features of New Zealand's land system. The New Zealanders do not believe in large land holdings, and they are doing all that they can to have their country divided up into small farms. They call the large land holder a "social pest," and scruple not to tell him that they will be glad to have him leave the country. They tax him in every way possible to get him to leave, and if he is as absent as some of the land holders elsewhere, they so pile on the taxes that he has to sell.

At present absentee property owners are not taxed for the land they own in New Zealand, and the taxes rise

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the government have seen the unexplored to clear its forest lands and sow them in grain. They are also dividing up into small farms and are allotted to settlers at a perpetual rental large enough to cover the cost of clearing, and at the same time to give them an outlet on the value of the land. Up to March 31, 1879, forty-two such settlements, including an area of 75,000 acres, have been made. At present about 2300 people were living, and they had added improvements to the land some a hundred miles. The value of such holdings is about 100 acres each.

Frank G. Carpenter.

The Fifth Regiment Band.

Greenville, Texas, February 23.—A movement has been started looking to the reorganization of the Fifth Regiment band of this city, formerly one of the most noted musical organizations of the State. Prof. E. A. Nixley, one of the original members is to be musical director and W. S. McKain will be business manager. The plans of organization have not been perfected, and no regular band early days, but the musical talent of the city, to provide a new set of instruments and uniforms and to begin practice soon after that. Upon the whole the band will be ready for engagement in due time. It is proposed to hold a concert in connection with the high school and a reorganization of the old band, an accomplishment that the managers feel confident of reaching in course of time.

Anderson Locals.

Anderson, Texas, February 22.—Judge N. G. Kittrell of Houston is here attending court.

All of Navasota was here today attending county court.

Kling and Machem and County Attorney Shannon were here attending county court.

All witnesses who went to Galveston in the Henry String case have returned home.

Anderson is just as sure of the railroad as Navasota. The fight is on between the two.

Wm. C. Lawrence has bought the Wheat place and Mr. W. T. Alley has moved to H. Scott place.

Ed. Smith, Ed. Hobbs, J. L. Cobb were indicted by Justice J. G. Caldwell to draw jury for May term and August term of county court.

San Marcos News Notes.

San Marcos, Texas, February 22.—San Marcos observed holiday as to the banks and postoffice today.

Mrs. Hophens and daughter, Miss Olga, are spending a few days in San Antonio.

W. M. O'Hearne and family of Marquez are visiting Mr. J. T. Browder here.

Mrs. Kern is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kern.

Mr. J. B. Hinkle has removed with his family to San Antonio.

W. Springer, Esq., visited Wharton this week.

Mr. William Green returned this week from a visit to Waco.

George C. Jones leaves today for an extended trip through Mexico.

There is an effort being made to inaugurate the free rural mail delivery system of the government as far as Staples.

District court will convene here Monday, the 25th, when Hon. L. W. Moore will assume the duties of the district court, in his hand, having served with distinguished ability before.

W. H. Vance of Palestine is here on business.

L. E. Owens, an old citizen of Hays county, died at his residence, in Springtown, San Marcos, on the 19th, of Bright's disease.

The Protestant Episcopal church, Rev. Mr. A. Barber, rector, will shortly erect a elegant new house of worship.

Wharton Locals.

Wharton, Texas, February 23.—Three carloads of Wharton county ribbon cane syrup were shipped over the Maccaroni this week. It goes direct to purchasers having found buyers before leaving here. The product of the Jones Camperdown refinery, located on the Cone Belt at this point.

State Superintendent Kendall was furnished with the following figures relating to the schools in the State and counties:

88; female, 61. Colored, male, 60; female, 22. Total, 387.

Protracted Meeting at Crockett.

Crockett, Texas, February 19.—Rev. Thomas Leitch, assisted by Rev. Ellis Smith, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, have for several days past been conducting a protracted meeting at the Methodist church. Two services a day are being held, and at the close of each night. The music furnished is by host of local talent and is excellent. A great deal of interest is being manifested and there have been several conversions. The re-

pany, dealers in hardware and
 lices, Mr. Charles Chamberlain
 Moxley, Chris and George Hap
 E. L. Hap, the business under the
 and at the same location.
 The firm of Stephens & Turner
 in the market store lices, has closed.
 J. M. Stephens retiring, Mr. W. R.
 continuing. Mr. Stephens will re
 Dallas for residence and headquarters
 engage in buying and selling
 merchandise stocks for cash.
 Commercial stocks court awarded
 that public account as follows: S
 ent of cork work, Jacob Miller,
 W. Harris; clock keeper, H. B.
 Janitor, M. E. Trevino; cellist, F.
 P. B. Bradley.
 The barn of H. P. Smith was
 destroyed by fire about 10
 The main roof will matches trying
 a cat.
 The barn owners will need ma
 addition to their already wide
 long distance telephone num
 224-2 to be taken from the
 running to line now running fr
 Somers county, to the Transm
 county.
 Several county representatives
 sent to Austin from this point a
 into the legislative session.
 The bill for the purpose of
 while, on the other hand, mem
 been circulated and have
 that the bill will have a
 market for purchase by busi
 leaders.

FINE CHURCH FOR GREENVILLE
 Baptists Have Had the Plans
 The Building
 Greenville, Texas, February 2
 of W. C. Taylor, is a church
 building, to be cost in \$150,000
 and if same should be adopted
 list church will have one of the
 houses of worship in North Texa
 be modern in architecture, fr
 west, with an inclined auditori
 feet, and seating capacity will
 Sunday school room will hav
 an infant class room and a la
 above 14x10 feet and a ladies
 room same size as the Sunday
 To the rear of the pulpit on a
 be the baptistry and a study
 be the choir, and the choir
 choir stand will accommodate
 scians. The entire building
 have a seating capacity of 100
 entered from a basement with
 entrances will be vestibule
 draughts of cold air is stop

VICTORIA LOCALS
 Children Given a Success
 Victoria, Texas, February 2
 entertainment given by the super
 teacher and pupils of the Vict
 school last evening was a deli
 scenes in every particular. The
 house was quite well filled and
 rendered the pretty program
 stle, the little tots from the
 ward, the lads and the
 young ladies and young people
 most meditative dancing.
 The program was well
 or prevailed with the music
 the free air point of view
 part, which is comfortable from
 part, which is comfortable from
 Victoria is just now enjoying
 number of commercial
 parts of the country.
 The mercury stood at 25
 o'clock this morning, with con
 and sharp north wind. The
 tender gettison and advised

Alice Locals
 Alice, Texas, February 2
 of the Alice Improvement
 been fully qualified and
 necessary evidence on approp
 charter and have forwarded
 tion to Austin.
 Messrs. White Brothers, who
 the contract to have
 the Alice Improvement
 well have their machines
 have just commenced
 E. J. Lockhart, to the
 public accountancy, and
 business, and it is ex
 name, we expect to keep
 in 1901.
 Gurenskin & Cobb have
 to their new store in
 man.
 Mr. Jim residence.
 The county commissioners
 election for April 27. The
 for the purpose of
 on the \$100 for school